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Mosco, Febr. 11.

THe eighth instant, about six a clock in the afternoon, dyed here our Czar, in the 55 year of his age, and the 9th day of his sickness; that very evening, his Son, aged about sixteen years, was Crowned Czar, and received the Oath of Obedience of all the great Lords and Officers of this Court. The next day at ten in the morning, the deceased Czar was Interred, in this manner, First was carried a great Canopy richly Embroidered with Gold and Silver Flowers, and almost covered with Diamonds and Pearls, then followed the Patriach and the whole Clergy, making a most pitiful moan and lamentation. Then the Corps of the Czar, placed in a Sled, covered with red Cloth, and adorned with Diamonds and other precious Stones in great number, was carried by 24 Lords; next followed the Empress in a Sled, covered with black Cloth, likewise carried by 24 Lords, behind in the Sled there sitting an antient Matron, in whose lap the Empress laid her Head, then the present Czar, placed in a Chair covered with black, carried by six antient Lords, then the Daughters of the deceased Czar likewise carried in Sleds, then the Bojars, which are the most eminent Persons in this Countrey, and all the Domesticks, as well of the deceased, as the present Emperor, Empress, &c. bewailing and lamenting in a most terrible manner.

Cracow, Febr. 24. The Deputies of the Dyet having after several long Debates, concluded the matters which at first occasioned some disagreement among them, on Friday last they went according to custom with their Mareschal or Speaker at the head of them, to present themselves to his Majesty, who received them sitting on his Throne, in the Chamber where the Senators have their meeting, and having paid their Duties to his Majesty, they, by their Speaker, prayed he would please to dispose of the vacant Benefices and Offices, and that the term of the present Session might be limited to four Weeks, in which two points his Majesty promised they should have satisfaction. Then the Archbishop of *Gnesna* by the Kings order, acquainted the Deputies with what his Majesty thought ought chiefly to be the subject of their Consultations during this their meeting, *viz.* Whither it were best to endeavor to make a Peace with the Turks, or to continue the War; if the former by what means an honourable Peace might be best obtained, and whither the Mediation of some Neighbouring Prince were not to be made use of in order to it; if to continue the War, that they must consult how to put his Majesty in a condition so to do with honour and advantage to the Crown. This done, the Emperors and other Foreign Ministers had Audience of the King, and among others, the Ambassador of *France*, who then presented to his Majesty a solemn Declaration of the King his Master, by which he adopts the Queen of *Poland* his Daughter, declaring, that accordingly she shall on all occasions be looked upon and treated as a Daughter of *France*

Vienna, March 8. General *Montecuculi* is for the most part present in the Councils of War that are held here, but continues so very much indisposed, that it's doubted he will not be able to command the Army this Campagne. And in such case it is discourse, that his Imperial Majesty will put the command of his Forces into the hands of some Prince of the Empire. The Empress is now so weak, that her recovery is almost despaired of. It is reported, that the Elector of *Bavaria* has at present 25000 Men on Foot and that he still raises more.

Ratisbonne, March 13. At the instance of the Emperor, the States assembled here, have resolved to write in the name of the Empire, to the Suisse Cantons, to desire they would not permit Levies to be made in their Territories for the French service. The matter concerning the prohibiting the French Manufactures, is wholly concluded, *viz.* That after the publication of this Prohibition throughout the whole Empire, which shall be done by his Imperial Majesty in the same manner as hath been already observed in the Hereditary Countreys, it shall be free for the Merchants that have any French Manufactures at present in their hands to take a years time to dispose of them, and that in the mean time, all the States of the Empire, and particularly those on the Frontiers, shall be required that they take care that no more Foreign Manufactures and Merchandises be brought into the Empire. We hear that the Prince of *Baden Dourlach*, General of the Empire, has sent out his orders, that the Troops of the several Circles be ready to march by the 20 of this Month.

Strasburg, March 13. The Imperial Troops begin to move, and several of them have already passed the *Rhine* at *Lauterburg*. The French of *Philipsburg* have burnt down to the ground *Bruchsel* and *Beinheimb*, in the Countrey of *Baden*. The French we hear are about sending 4000 Men to *Kastenholtz*, to maintain the passage into the Valley of *Malkirke*, and to be so much nearer *Stolhofen*. We still believe that they will onely act defensively in these parts this Summer. Yesterday and the day before arrived here a great quantity of Corn and Meal, which is to be laid up here for the service of the Imperialists, and other considerable quantities are daily expected from *Bohemia* for the same use. It was believed that Major-General *Schultz*, who has been abroad with a considerable Party, would have attempted something upon *Deux Ponts*, but he advanced not farther then *Anweyler*, and has again repassed the *Rhine* at *Lauterburg*.

Cologne, March 17. In all appearance, the sharpest Action will be this Summer near the *Moselle*. In *Treves* there is already a Garison of 7000 Men, and besides, we are told, that several other Troops are ordered to march that way. From *Strasburg* they write, that the Imperial Troops have already in several places quitted their Winter-quarters, and are marching towards the *Rhine*. We are likewise putting our selves here into a posture of defence; the Heer *Hees*, at present Governor of the Fortress, *Homburg* is made choice of to command our Troops, and our Magistrates have resolved to reinforce every Company to 250 Men.

Hamburgh, March 17. The Deputies of the several Allies are again assembled at *Bremen*, in order to their taking a final resolution concerning the Siege of *Stade*, where